


PTNM READER'S GUIDE

The following is a brief overview of the organization and content of the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to aid in your review and understanding of the proposed decisions and actions. All the chapters are arranged in the same order or arrangement within the various sections.



The document begins with a **Dear Reader Letter** explaining what BLM is doing, why, a brief overview of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS and relevant protest information. This is followed by a **Table of Contents**. The Table of Contents is comprehensive and most helpful to locate discussions of particular resource programs such as special designations, recreation and visitor services, livestock grazing, wildlife habitat management and so forth. Next is an **Executive Summary** of the document which gives the reader an overview of what is covered in this Proposed RMP/Final EIS. The Executive Summary goes over the main topics of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, highlights the key issues brought forth in the planning process, and summarizes the impacts from the proposed management alternatives.

CHAPTER 1

Chapter 1 identifies the purpose and need for the plan, defines the *Planning* and *Analysis Areas*, and explains public participation in the planning process. This chapter identifies the planning criteria used as guidelines influencing all aspects of the process. These guidelines are based on law, regulation, policy, and the designating Legislation. The issues developed through public participation and the planning processes are described therein.

CHAPTER 2

Chapter 2 presents the various management alternatives for achieving the purpose and need. The Proposed RMP/Final EIS includes a detailed description of the goals, objectives, and management actions for each resource or program that could impact the Monument resources, objects, and values. The actions in this Proposed RMP/Final EIS are designed to provide general management guidance in most cases. The resources and uses are organized with the first four topics as Paleontological Resources, Education and Interpretation, Recreation and Visitor Services, and Trails and Travel Management. Subsequent to these four topics, resources or uses are in alphabetical order for ease to the reader. It is organized in this manner to highlight the major issues within the Monument.

Specific implementation plans for certain resources/uses, such as a Trails and Travel Management, were also developed as part of this interdisciplinary plan. These plans and processes address more precisely how a resource or use is to be managed.

There are two different types of decisions within Chapter 2; planning (broad overarching) decisions or implementation (on-the-ground) decisions. The implementation decisions are denoted with an asterisk (*).

A *Summary Comparison Impacts Table* is included at the end of Chapter 2. This table provides the reader a comparison summary of the main impacts that would result from implementing each of four alternatives that were developed for the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument RMP.

CHAPTER 3

Chapter 3 (Affected Environment) provides an overview of the *Planning Area* and describes the existing condition for each of the resources and resource programs. It describes the various components that may be affected by the proposed management alternatives. The resources and uses are organized similar to Chapter 2 with the first four topics as Paleontological Resources, Education and Interpretation, Recreation and Visitor Services, and Trails and Travel Management. Subsequent to these four topics, resources or uses are in alphabetical order for ease of the reader.

CHAPTER 4

Chapter 4 (Environmental Consequences) analyzes the beneficial and adverse effects of each alternative. Assumptions used in the analysis are specified at the beginning of the Chapter and under certain resource discussions to help guide the reader through the assessment process. At the end of the analysis of all the resources, a discussion of the cumulative effects is provided. The resources and uses are organized in the same order as Chapter 2 and 3.

CHAPTER 5

Chapter 5 summarizes key events in the consultation and coordination process prior to and during preparation of the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument Proposed RMP/Final EIS. It lists those agencies and organizations that were contacted or provided input into the planning process. Also listed are the BLM team members who prepared or contributed to this RMP/EIS.

GLOSSARY

The Glossary contains the definitions of the terms and technical language used in the text.

REFERENCES

The section contains the bibliography of the references cited in the document to assist the reader in the review process.

APPENDICES

The appendices include additional supporting or background material referenced in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS.

